Diocese of Crookston
MINNESOTA, CROOKSTON

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History: The Diocese of Crookston was erected in 1909 from a portion of the Diocese of Duluth. Within its area the following missions and parishes have served Ojibwa Indians:

1873-present (Crookston, 1909-present) St. Benedict Church, White Earth
1879-present (Crookston, 1909-present) St. Mary Mission, Red Lake
1895-ca. 1940 (no longer Indian) St. Michael Church, Mahnomen
(Crookston, 1909-ca. 1940)
1895-present (Crookston, 1909-present) St. Joseph Mission, Beaulieu
1896-1964 (closed) Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum/ Leech Lake
1903-present (Crookston, 1909-present) St. Theodore Mission, Ponsford
1908-1917 (no longer Indian) Assumption Mission, Callaway
(Crookston, 1909-1917)
1910-present St. Ann Church, Waubun
1911-present Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ogema
1915-1966 (closed) St. Gertrude Mission, Round Lake
1916-present Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1918-present St. Anne Church, Naytahwausch
1928-1971 (closed) St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake
1935-1970 (closed) St. Anne Mission, St. Vincent
1939-1974 (closed) Christ the King Mission, Redby
1942-present St. Francis Cabrini Mission, Big Elbow Lake

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1852-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.7 cubic feet and 18 reels of microfilm
Description: 9 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files
Inclusive dates: 1928, 1932-present
Volume: .4 cubic foot
Description: Correspondence arranged alphabetically by parish location and chronologically there under.
A. Island Lake, St. Agnes Church, 1967-present, 1 folder
B. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church and its Indian chapels and stations, 1928, 1932-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include the priests at St. Michael's responsible for the Indian missions and Bishops John H. Peschges, Francis J. Schenk, and Lawrence A. Glenn
C. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1949-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Andrew Winczewski and Adrian Fox and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn
D. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Church, 1940-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverends Roman Homar, O.S.B. and Benno Watrin, O.S.B. and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn
E. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1944-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Maurice Hurrle, Humphrey Zdechlik, Osmund J. Jacobs, and Constantine Thelen, and Bishop Francis Schenk, and Lawrence Glenn
F. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1951-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverend Cassian A. Ossendorf and Bishops Francis and Lawrence Glenn
H. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1940-present, 2 folders
I. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, 1942-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverend Valerian Thelen, O.S.B., Alban B. Fruth, and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn

/2 "Parish Legal Deeds"
Inclusive dates: 1870s-present
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location; contains property records such as deeds, title abstracts, and articles of incorporation. There is 1 folder per Indian mission.

/3 Priests' Files
Inclusive dates: 1938-1939, 1945-present
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Correspondence between the bishops and St. John's Abbey, re: appointments, finances, and general administrative problems of Indian missions within the diocese.
/4 Financial and Statistical Reports
Inclusive dates: 1910-present
Volume: .6 cubic foot
Description: Annual reports arranged alphabetically by parish location.
A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, 1916-present, 1 folder
C. Big Elbow Lake, St. Francis Cabrini Mission, 1938-present, 1 folder
D. Island Lake, St. Agnes Mission, 1927-1971, 1 folder
E. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church, 1910-present, 1 folder
F. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
G. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, 1911-present, 1 folder
H. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1910-present, 1 folder
I. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1919-present, 1 folder
J. Redby, Christ the King Mission, 1940-1976, 1 folder
L. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
M. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, 1910-present, 1 folder

/5 "History of the Diocese"
Inclusive dates: 1868-present
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location; contains published histories and historical notes for Indian missions at or attended from Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Pembina, Ponsford, Red Lake, and White Earth.

/6 Photographs
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 39 prints
Description:
A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, n.d., 2 prints
B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, n.d., 2 prints
C. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, n.d., 3 prints
D. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, n.d., 10 prints
E. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, n.d., 2 prints
F. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, n.d., 14 prints
G. Waubun, St. Ann Church, n.d., 4 prints
H. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, n.d., 2 prints

/7 "Diocesan General"
Inclusive dates: 1935-present
Volume: .3 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject or name of organization.
A. "Indian: Bureau of [Catholic Indian] Missions," 1935-present, 4 folders:
   Correspondence and reports, re: primarily financial transactions; major correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the bishops, and superiors at Indian missions within the Diocese
B. "Marquette League [for Catholic Indian Missions]," 1950s-present, 1 folder: correspondence between the bishops and the Marquette League, re: financial concerns at Indian missions
Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1852-1974
Volume: 18 reels of microfilm
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.
A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, 1900-1974
B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, 1912-1974
C. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church, 1908-1974
D. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1934-1974
E. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, 1911-1974
F. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1903-1974
G. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1852-1974
H. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1915-1974
I. White Earth, St. Benedict's Church, 1870-1974

Diocesan Newspaper
Inclusive dates: 1946-present
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Our Northland Diocese includes occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization within the diocese.